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1. [REDACTED] an unidentified North Korean army (NKA) unit with about 80 men was near Yongdangp'o (N 38-00, E 125-42) (YC-367082) at YC-375091 on the north side of a hill about 500 meters north of the company homes of the Yongdangp'o Cement Plant. About 25 NKA troops were at YC-372088 west of the Yongdangp'o-Haeju highway. The officers of both units carried pistols; the enlisted men had Japanese rifles and handgrenades. They trained during the day at YC-374083 and at YC-372087. Part of the training consisted of signal drills with white and red flags. At night they were engaged in the construction of bunkers. There were two bunkers at YC-381089, one at YC-372086, and two at YC-367084. Each bunker covered an area of about six square feet. At YC-370085 a tunnel was being constructed, with the use of explosives. The entrance was 2 meters high and 2.5 meters wide.

2. At YC-368083 there were 25 NKA troops, assigned to guard the coastal area. The rank insignia of the commanding officer was two small stars. Officers were armed with pistols, and enlisted men with Soviet rifles. The entrance to the unit area was guarded 24 hours a day. The unit had one telephone with which contact with other units in the area was maintained.

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3. [REDACTED] a sailboat about 32 feet long and a sampan about 28 feet long were anchored at YC-372079. The sampan was powered by a Soviet truck motor and had a speed of about six knots. Both boats were manned by seven or eight NKA troops who were armed with PPSh's and two handgrenades each. The boats, carrying lumber for bunker construction and other military supplies, made weekly runs between Yongdangp'o, Sosuap-to (YB-4290), Taesuap-to (YB-4587), and Yongmae-do (YB-5583).

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